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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO ANGOLA ON NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT

1. IN MARCH 2 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MAYNES, PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR
THEMIDO PRESENTED NOTE ASKING FOR US SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE
BID FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. THEMIDO NOTED THAT ALONG
WITH ICELAND, LUXEMBOURG, AND MALTA AMONG WEO'S, PORTUGAL
HAD NOT YET BEEN ELECTED TO AN SC SEAT. MAYNES NOTED THAT
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WE WERE SYMPATHETIC TO GOP'S CLAIM BUT THAT US WOULD
FOLLOW CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE OF SUPPORTING CANDIDATE AGREED
UPON BY WESTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP.

2. MAYNES RECALLED PAST COOPERATION OF GOP IN OUR EFFORTS
TO GAIN ANGOLAN SUPPORT FOR WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR A
NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. HE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR EASUM'S TRIP

TO ANGOLA REPRESENTING WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP HAD
DEMONSTRATED NETO'S GENERALLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS
THE PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE
WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS. POINTING OUT THAT OUR NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA HAD REACHED A CRUCIAL
STAGE, MAYNES ASKED THEMIDO TO RELAY A REQUEST TO HIS
GOVERNMENT THAT GOP WEIGH IN ONCE MORE WITH ANGOLA IN
SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORT. MAYNES NOTED THAT GOP ALREADY HAD
A COPY OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL.

3. THEMIDO SAID HE WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO GOP AND WAS
CERTAIN PORTUGUESE WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT OUR
EFFORTS WITH GOA. VANCE

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